

DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF NOVEL MICROSTRIP PATCH ANTENNA ON PHOTONIC CRYSTAL FOR HIGH SPEED THz APPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT: Present generation communication needs low value, negligible weight, low profile, high gain and superior antenna to execute the demand of the longer term and realization. This requires a high gain novel microstrip patch antenna design is planned, supported the photonic crystal for THz (THz) spectral band applications. This antenna is mounted on polyimide substrate that employs Photonic Band Gap (PBG) crystal and therefore the Gain of 7.67dB, Directivity 8.7 dB and VSWR on the point of unity at resonant frequency of 0.631 THz. The planned antenna model is compared with polyimide substrate structure based mostly microstrip patch antenna and the performance of patch antenna is limited due to surface leaky waves, therefore designing of the patch antenna is enhanced by implanting photonic crystals in the thick dielectric substrate. Here the patch is designed with graphene material and analyzed the radiation characteristics. Moreover, the performance of designed antenna is investigated with totally different PBG cylindrical distance, PBG hole radius, curvature radius of patch and substrate heights. The projected style antenna encompasses a information measure of 33.25 GHz and -10 dB electric resistance with operational frequency vary variable from 0.61 THz to 0.65THz, thence it may be utilised for detection of explosive and material characterization applications.

KEYWORDS: Microstrip patch antenna, CST, PBG, Polyimide. THz band, Radiation characteristic

I. INTRODUCTION

During the last decade, vital advancement within the communications system at THz spectrum and emerged into a lively space of analysis. The terahertz is outlined as a region of spectrum between microwave and infrared regions, that ranges within the frequency varying from 0.1 to 10 THz. This waveband guarantees a remarkable application in high-speed communications up to ten Gigabits per second (Gbps) [1]. The utilization of THz systems is gaining quality due to the advantages of the high frequency region as miniaturized in size, spatial radial asymmetry, high speed communication and broader bandwidths. [2] The development of the THz elements leads towards the fourth and fifth generation of communication in next decade. Earlier, the elements were restricted to develop with the nonplanar structures like rectangular waveguides and concentric lines just for low loss, high power handling capability. additional or less under the fragrance of THz frequency regime, the evolution within the existing and new application space such as nation security, spectrometry, sensing, microwave radar imaging, detecting explosive and art conservation is ongoing. In this context of advance THz systems, antenna plays a major role when deciding regarding the quality of the system [3-5]. THz frequency will suffer high attenuation path and getting loss in the presence of low attenuation windows [6]. Hence desire of high Gain antennas for the detection of explosives via spectroscopic techniques is a primary issue for present technology. We have various antennas in the THz region, some of them are: Yagi-Uda [7], log-periodic [8], bow tie [9], on-chip antenna [10], and substrate integrated waveguides [11].

In this paper the main role is to build photonic band gap structure for preventing the flow of certain bands of frequencies. This idea of "photonic crystal (PC)" was initially explored by Yablonovitch [12] and John [13] in 1987. In addition to this the PBG structures have been shown to suppress surface waves whereas they would be present on normal ground planes. Generally, PBG structures are periodic in nature. Photonic crystals will be achieved by implanting the different materials such as metallic, dielectric and ferromagnetic in the dielectric substrate materials. Mainly PBGs are of two types i.e. 3D and 2D, in which 3-dimensional photonic crystals are difficult to realize. And the 2-dimensional photonic crystals are easy to embed in a dielectric substrate. Gonzalo et al. [14] The idea of this paper is to demonstrate a novel design of antenna for terahertz frequencies and performance enhancement of the proposed antenna by implanting cylindrical shape photonic crystals in the dielectric substrate layer.

II. ANTENNA CONFIGURATION

The miniature and high performance is the present issue in the field of wireless communication. Miniaturization directly meets the need of size reduction of the device that also reduces the energy required by the device. This high performance controls the problems of gain, bandwidth and loss in dielectrics. During this section cylindrical shape microstrip patch antenna with implantation of photonic crystals within the substrate layer has to be designed [15-16].

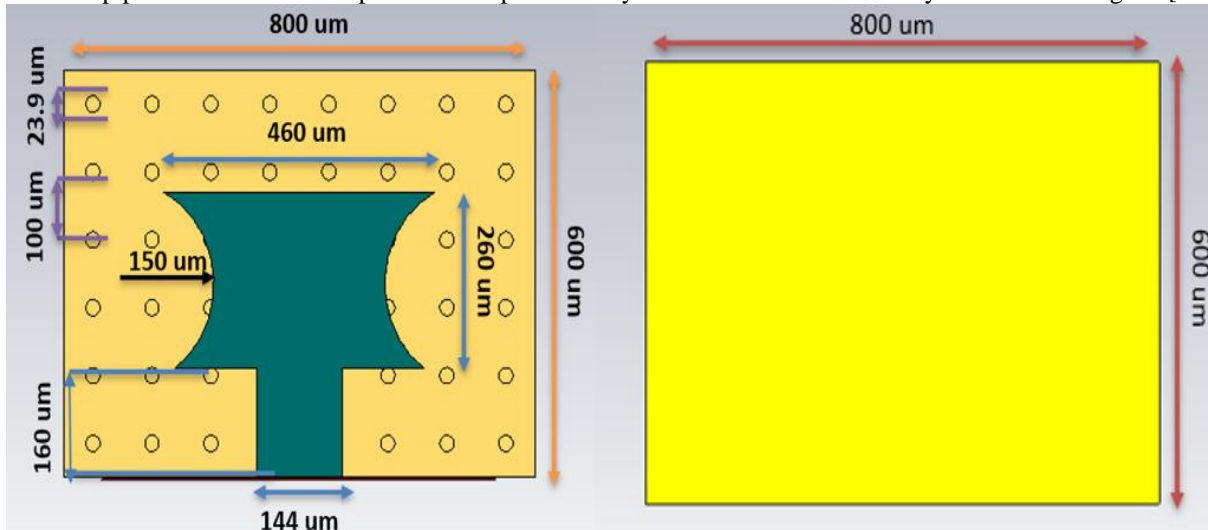


Fig1: Front and Back view of proposed design.

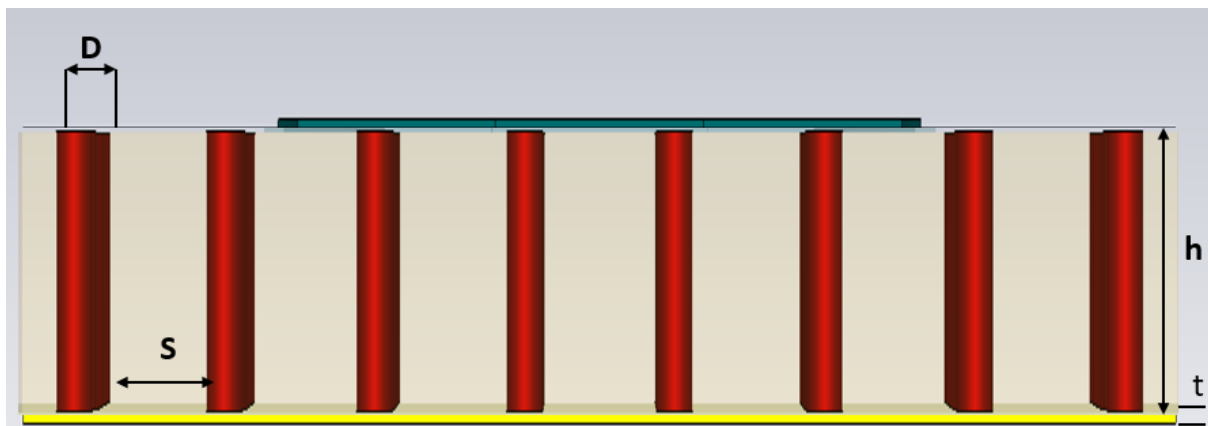


Fig 2: 3D structure of cylindrical implantation in dielectric substrate

The microstrip patch antenna is placed over the ground plane and in between dielectric substrate is placed whereas it exhibits photonic band gaps with cylindrical crystals. Fig 1 denotes the proposed front and back view design it consists measurements of the design. Fig 2 denotes the 3D implantation of cylindrical photonic band gaps in the dielectric substrate.

Let, w_p and L_p be the width and length of the patch respectively and the dimensions of the patch will be calculated by

$$w_p = \frac{(2M+1)}{\sqrt{\epsilon_\gamma}} X \frac{\lambda_0}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$L_p = \frac{(2N+1)}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{eff}}} X \left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right) - 2X\Delta L \quad (2)$$

Where, M and N are non-negative integers ($M=N=1$);
 λ_0 and λ are free space and operating wavelengths;
 ϵ_γ is the relative dielectric constant;

ϵ_{eff} is the effective dielectric constant;

and, ΔL is the patch length extension due to Fringing field effect

Now, w_f and L_f are the width and length of the feed and z_a is input impedance of the antenna. Here z_a is matched with 50Ω impedance through this feeding line then the characteristic impedance is $z_0 = 50Xz_a$

$$z_a = \frac{11.96\lambda_0}{w_f} \quad (3)$$

$$w_f = \frac{7.475h}{\exp(x)} - 1.25t \quad (4)$$

Where, $x = \frac{z_0\sqrt{\epsilon_r+1}}{87}$, and h and t are height of the substrate and thickness of the patch respectively and the dimensions of the substrate and ground will be calculated by

$$w_s = w_g = w_p + 2xL_f \quad (5)$$

$$L_s = L_g = L_p + 2xL_f \quad (6)$$

Where, w_s, w_g are the width L_s, L_g are the length of substrate and ground respectively.

For the need of size reduction in the patch we have to cut the side faces in curved structure by circular cutting with cylinder this creates the improvement of performance of antenna and the other hand PBG structure is created on the polyimide substrate by implanting the periodic arrangement of circular cylindrical with diameter (D) and radius r. The distance between each cylinder is about 100 μm that is "S". The dimensions of the substrate is 800 μm x 600 μm and height is 63.7 μm , radius of the cylinder is 11.95 μm , width of the radiating patch is 460 μm a curvature radius of 75 μm and the microstrip feed line measurements are 144 μm x 160 μm to get 50 Ω impedance. The thickness of the patch and ground is 7 μm which it was made up by copper and graphene material respectively, and the silver material is used for the microstrip feeding line. All this proposed design will be simulated in CST microwave studio tool.

III.SIMULATED RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This THz frequency band antenna plays an important role in the ultra-broadband and secured transferring of data in wireless and satellite communication systems. The radiation characteristics of the proposed antenna is designed and observed in the frequency range varying from 0.6 to 0.7 THz, and the performance is measured and investigated in the form of Gain (dB), Directivity (dBi), Return loss (S1,1), VSWR, Z-Parameters and Radiation Efficiency (%).

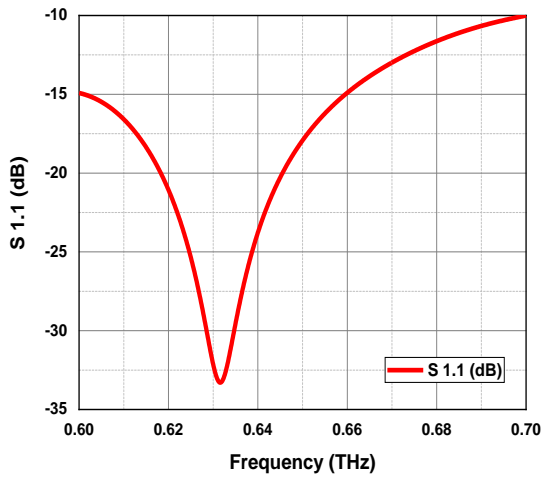


Fig 3: Return Loss performance (S 1,1 (dB))

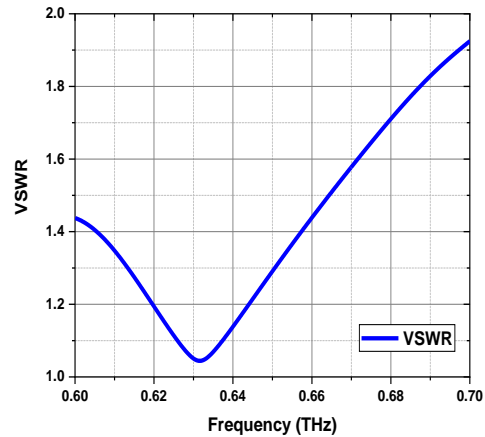


Fig 4: VSWR performance characteristics

Here we clearly observed in Fig. 3 that the PBG antenna offers resonant frequencies of 0.631 THz with return loss values ($S_{11} \leq -10$ dB) of -33.28 dB in the frequency band of 0.615–0.651 THz. Fig. 4 shows the impact of PBG in Voltage Standing Wave Ratio (VSWR) shown in blue solid curve. The value of VSWR is 1.04 for the proposed antenna.

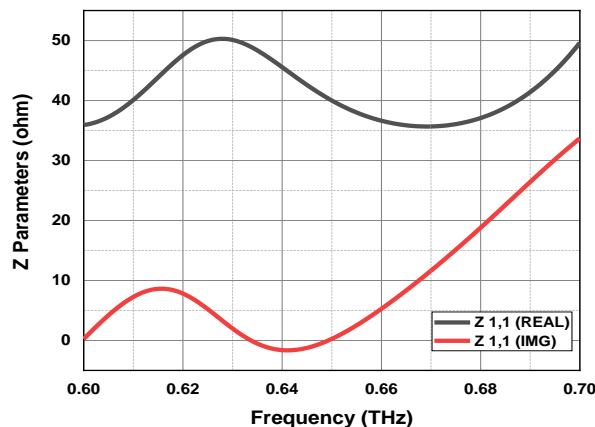


Fig 5: Z-Parameter characteristics of proposed THz antenna.

Input impedance is also one of the significant input characteristics of antenna which demonstrates the impedance matching between the input signal and the feedline. If the impedance is matched closely to the 50 Ω, it is said to be perfectly matched. Here we get about 50.2 Ω which is near to the matched one.

Fig 7: Directivity versus operating frequency

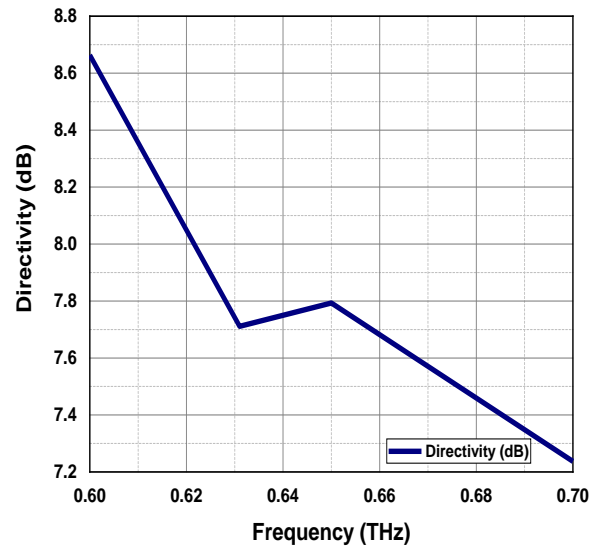
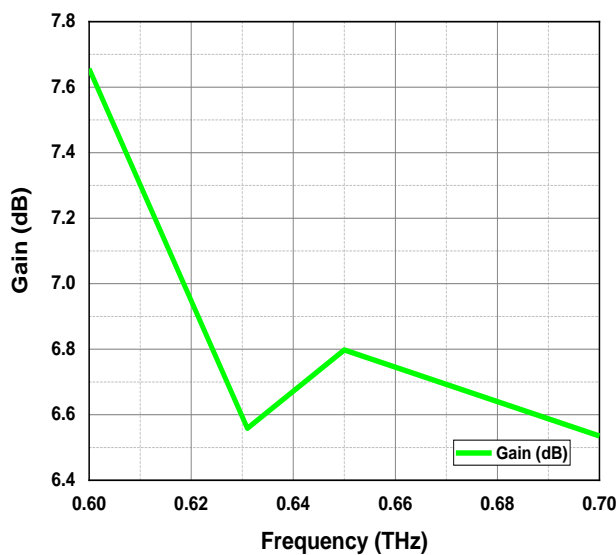


Fig 6: Gain versus operating frequency

Fig 7: Directivity versus operating frequency

The gain versus all operating frequencies plot is presented in Fig. 6 for verification of the proposed terahertz antenna. It is observed from Fig. 6 that the proposed antenna exhibits positive gain values for the frequency range between 0.6–0.7 THz. The maximum gain achieved throughout the main frequency is 7.6 dB, which shows good quality of gain value achieved by the antenna. Fig. 7 represents another output performance parameter of the proposed antenna, which tells us about the directionality of the designed antenna, i.e., directivity. It is very much obvious from Fig. 7 that the proposed terahertz antenna is directional in the respective frequency band of 0.6–0.7 THz.

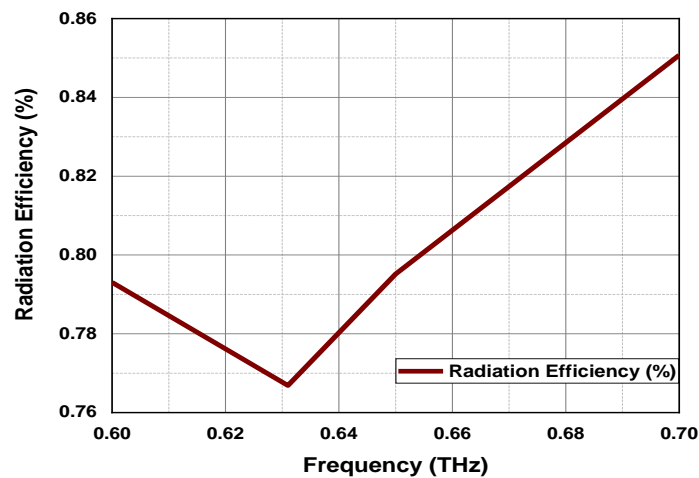


Fig 8: Radiation Efficiency of the proposed THz antenna

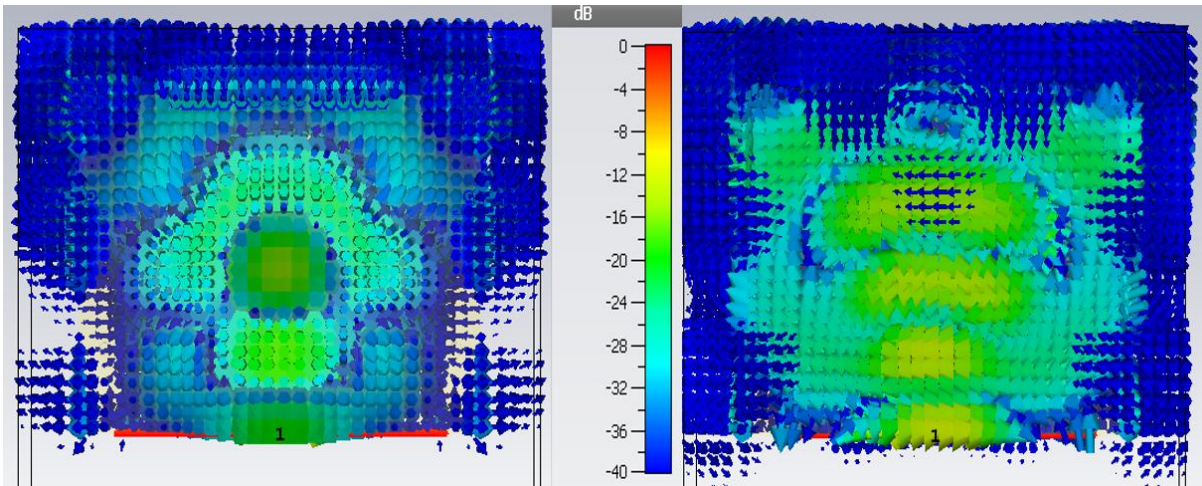


Fig 9: E-Field and H-Field Distribution of the proposed THz antenna

The efficiency of an antenna is defined as the ratio of power radiated in all directions to the total input power supplied to its terminals. In Fig 8. We observed that the Radiation efficiency is occurred more than 80% which shows the better performance of the antenna and in Fig 9. we observe the both electric field and magnetic field distributions of the front plane which is in the range -16 to -36 as per the dBmax range. The maximum electric field is through the patch area and at along the edges of substrate it was low and also the magnetic field distribution is maximum at microstrip feeding and throughout the patch and it was low at the edges of substrate.

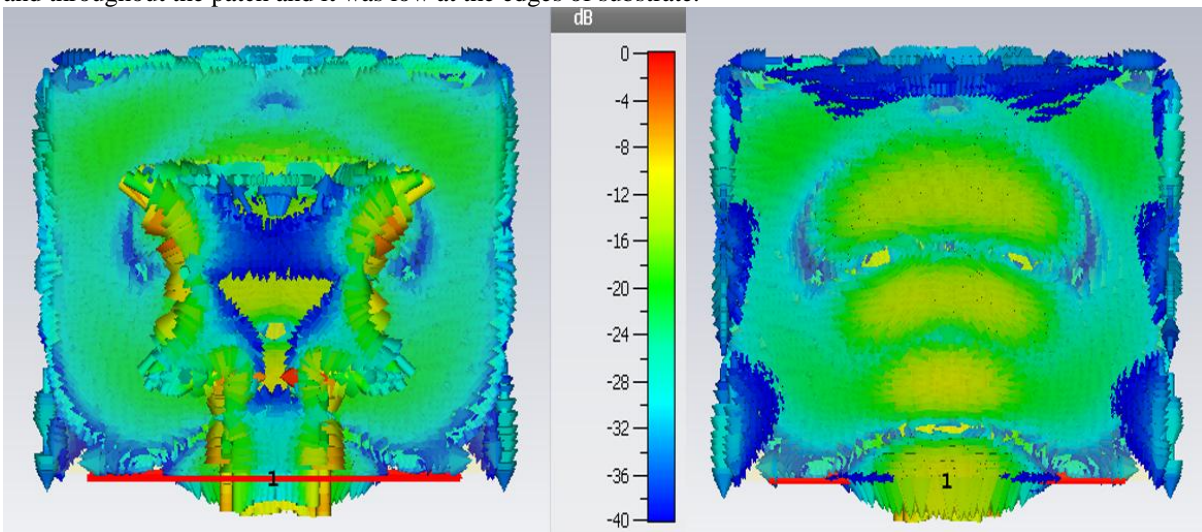


Fig 10: Surface current Distribution to the excited front and back plane of THz antenna

The first one is surface current distribution in excited front plane and second one is current distribution in excited ground plane. And also here The average current density is shown in different colours. We can see the average current distribution on the surface of the antenna. As we can observe the current is in the range of -12 to -28 on the top edge, it is almost maximum at the centre and it is minimum at the edge of the feedline denotes the flow of surface current Distribution.

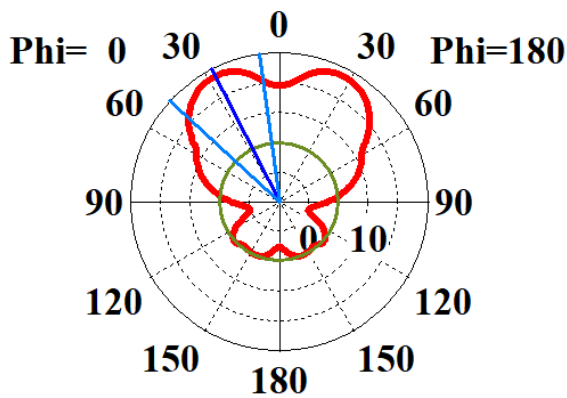


Fig 11: E-Field Radiation Pattern (XY plane)

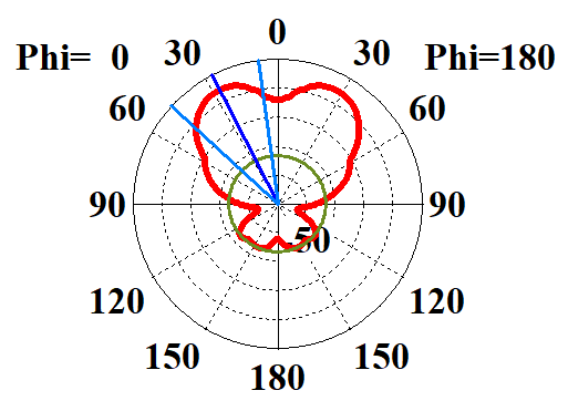


Fig 12: H-Field Radiation Pattern (YZ plane)

The 2-D radiation patterns at different resonant frequencies i.e. 0.6 to 0.7 THz are measured as shown in Fig. 11. and Fig 12 represents the gain radiated in elevation plane (Y-Z planes) and azimuthal plane (X-Y planes). Through the study of radiation characteristics it is observed that the proposed antenna is radiating more in the phi (X-Y planes) direction and less in the theta (Y-Z planes) direction. Normally, the radiation characteristics are determined in the far field region as a function of co-ordinates and it can also be classified in terms of power pattern or field pattern.

The wavelength (λ) supported by the proposed antenna is in μ meter. This antenna exhibits miniaturized structure as size of the antenna is proportional to wave-length, hence it is confirmed that the proposed antenna will consume very less power while functioning as transmitter or receiver. If wireless devices like sensors are developed to function in the terahertz frequency region then issues of high data rate and less power consumption can easily be resolved.

IV. CONCLUSION

The design of Photonic Band Gap substrate structure with novel microstrip patch antenna have been studied and compared the design characteristic performance. Further, the effects of the photonic crystal along with different curvature radius of patch and height of substrate structure have been observed. This antenna is proposed for terahertz high speed applications such as THz radar communication, Imaging and high speed scanning systems. The effects of variation in the substrate height on the return loss, percentage bandwidth and gain have also been observed. It has been concluded that with increase in the substrate height, the minimum return loss and impedance bandwidth of antenna decreases significantly. The proposed antenna is acquired the operating frequency 0.6–0.7 THz, which act as the peak absorption frequency and unique spectral signature. Hence, the projected microstrip patch antenna suitably employed to the application for detection of explosive and material characterization.

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